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SPENCE, DELLUMS MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION ON MILITARY TRAINING AND GENDER RELATIONS

House National Security Committee Chairman Floyd Spence (R-SC) and Ranking Democrat Ron Dellums (D-CA) today announced the appointment of five members of the congressionally mandated Commission on Military Training and Gender Related Issues. The commission, authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85), is tasked with examining military basic training, gender integration and training effectiveness issues, and reviewing and assessing the laws, regulations and policies that govern relationships between men and women in the military.

The commission is composed of 10 members, five members appointed jointly by the chairman and ranking democrat of the House National Security Committee and five members appointed jointly by the chairman and ranking democrat of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Commission is expected to complete its work in September 1998.

The House appointed Commission members include:

- Lieutenant General George R. Christmas, USMC, Retired, former Marine Corps Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel;
- Mrs. Barbara S. Pope, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs;
- Command Sergeant Major Robert A. Dare, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired, former Command Sergeant Major of the Army Forces Command;
- Mr. Thomas Moore, Washington-based military historian and national security analyst; and
- Dr. Mady Wechsler Segal, Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland, faculty affiliate of the Women's Studies Program and the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, and Associate Director of the Center for Research on Military Organization.

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